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1779

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1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

About 1779

Jacob Wilcox

current owner: Raymond F. Dyer

Savage Hill

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 153

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current owner:

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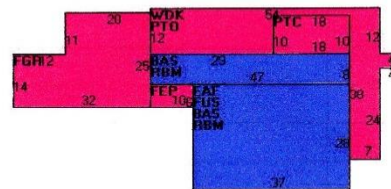
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current owner: OCWEN Loan Servicing LLC

Sketch



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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

#153

IDENTIFICATION


DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)		Jacob Wilcox House	
2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY	
Berlin				Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)					
379 Savage Hill Road					
4. OWNER(S)					
MacQuarrie, Karen M. " " Berlin 06037 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private					
5. USE (Present)					
Residence (Historic) Residence					
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
7. STYLE OF BUILDING					
Vernacular					
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION					
c. 1779					
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Foundation, large central chimney <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:					
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)					
10. ROOF (Type)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street					
11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS					
2 1/2 38' x 28'					
12. CONDITION (Structural)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated					
13. INTEGRITY (Location)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Victorian sash					
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES					
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden					
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT					
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density					
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS					
In an area of mostly modern housing with scattered 18th-century dwelling					



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	HRC		11/84
	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE	
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	Historic Resource Consultants		12/84
	The Colt Armory		
ADDRESS			
55 Van Dyke Avenue			
Hartford, Connecticut 06106			
20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:			



DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	<p>The Jacob Wilcox House has a five-bay facade with a central entry. Windows have narrow plain board surrounds and are fitted with 2-over-2 sash. Facade windows are paired and offset towards the corners of the house; second-floor windows are located immediately under the eaves. The entry has a splayed molded surround; the heavy paneled door has small lights along its upper edge. Hewn overhangs are found at the second floor and across the gable ends. The molded main roof cornice shows a partial return. To the left is a modern one-story garage extension; the right elevation, located on a slope, has a raised brick basement. There is a small shed-roofed extension to the rear.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE	
<p>Architecturally, the Jacob Wilcox House is significant as a well-preserved example of an 18th-century central chimney house. An adaptation of traditional English building techniques to a harsh climate rich in stone, timber, and firewood, the central chimney house was the predominant domestic building type in 18th-century New England. The large central chimney, generally constructed of stone below the roofline, functioned as an enormous heat-moderating mass. Once warmed, its tons of rock could store and release heat for hours. It remained popular in relatively isolated areas such as Berlin until about 1800. Typical 18th-century features present here include the symmetrical five-bay facade, the location of the second-floor windows, parallel-ridge orientation, and hewn overhangs. The entrance treatment is an interesting feature: it is an adaptation of the traditional molded-board surround but shaped so as to suggest the splayed lintels of Georgian doorways.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued)</p>		
REFERENCES	<p>North, p. 93 Tercentenary List</p>	

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19. (continued):

A good deal of the 19th and 20th-century fabric (i.e. sash, much of the cladding) does not substantially reduce the architectural integrity of the house.

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